



SRC Calendar:		Senate Republicans: The People's Budget	
Mon., April 11 (Day 92)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 am – 5:30 pm: Senate Session/Caucus (possible evening session)• 10 am: Real Reforms Rally—ALL SENATE REPUBLICANS INVITED!! (Capitol Steps)• 11 am: Real Reforms Media Availability (Rep. Bruce Chandler's Office, 335C Legislative Building)• Noon: Senate Agriculture Committee hearing on the reappointment of Valoria Loveland as Director of the Department of Agriculture (SHR 3)• 3:30 pm: House Transportation Committee public hearing on House transportation budget (HHR B)• 6 pm: TVW Gala celebration dinner and Cammy Awards (Red Lion Hotel)	<p>Senate Republicans maintain there is a way to create a budget that is balanced without raising taxes and creating another large deficit in the future.</p> <p>A true budget FOR THE PEOPLE should do five main things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PROTECT TAXPAYERS: No new taxes.• PROTECT PENSIONS: No skipping of pension payments.• PROTECT EDUCATION: Fully fund I-728 and I-732, while expanding access and enrollments for higher education.• PROTECT ENVIRONMENT: Don't raid environmental cleanup funds, provide free access to state parks.• PROTECT ACCOUNTABILITY: Create a more sustainable budget that reduces reliance on one-time funds, enacts more ongoing savings, and leaves a larger ending fund balance. <p>Summary of The People's Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No tax increases• Education : Fully fund education initiatives without a tax increase and fully fund levy equalization.• Higher Education: More than 10,000 new enrollments, increased financial aid availability to the middle class and greater efficiency by limiting career students and tuition waivers.• Health Care: Protect nursing home funding, maintain access via vendor rate increase for health care providers, retain verification and eligibility efforts for Medicaid.• Human Services: Completely backfill federal mental health funding loss, continue closure of Fircrest to ensure additional funding for DD services.• Pensions: Sound and systematic funding – keep the commitment to our employees, make payments to unfunded liabilities.• Environment and Parks: Eliminate state parks day fee, protect environmental funding – don't raid environmental accounts.• Compensation: Fund collective bargaining agreements in exchange for greater efficiencies.• Fiscal Responsibility: Nearly triple the ending fund reserve.	
Tues., April 12 (Day 93)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:15 am: Legislative Fellowship (JAC ABC)• 8 am: Senate Health and Long-Term Care Committee executive session on health care liability reform (SHB 2292 – Lantz, SHR 4)• 8 am: Senate Labor, Commerce, Research & Development Committee hearing on gubernatorial appts. – possible executive session (SHR 1)• 10 am – 5:30 pm: Senate Session/Caucus (possible evening session)		
Wed., April 13 (Day 94)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 – 10 am: House Capital Budget Committee hearing and possible executive session on Senate capital budget (ESSB 6094 – Fraser, HHR A – TVW)• 8 – 9 am – Senate Transportation Committee meeting (SHR 1)• 8 am: Senate Labor, Commerce, Research & Development Committee hearing on gubernatorial appts (SHR 4)• 9 am – 5:30 pm: Senate Session/Caucus (possible evening session)		
Thurs., April 14 (Day 95)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 am – 5:30 pm: Senate Session/Caucus (possible evening session)• 10 am – 3 pm: Crime Victims Awareness Day (Rally – Capitol Steps, Reception – Columbia Room)		
Fri., April 15 (Day 96)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sen. Delvin's birthday• 9 am – 5:30 pm: Senate Session/Caucus (possible evening session)		
Sat., April 16 (Day 97)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 am: Possible Senate Session/Caucus• 9:30 – 10 am: Senate Armed Forces Reception (State Reception Room)• 11 am – 1 pm: "Welcome Them Home" celebration sponsored by the state Veterans Administration (Vietnam Veterans Memorial, estimated attendance – 500-1,000)		
		In the News	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• King County Journal: Legislature's Democratic budgets repeat the mistakes of the past—by Sen. Bill Finkbeiner (4/10/05)• AP: Zarelli: Read my lips, no taxes needed (4/8/05)• Seattle Times: House budget plan in line with others (4/07/05)• Walla Walla Union-Bulletin: Democrats make wrong call in seeking higher taxes (3/31/05)• AP: Spam: It's what's for the budget deficit (3/30/05)• King County Journal: 'Priorities' missing from Senate budget (3/30/05)• Tacoma News Tribune: More of the same in state Senate budget (3/30/05)• Seattle Times: Senate Democrats shouldn't pile on (3/30/05)• Everett Herald: Ongoing budget woes still must be addressed (3/23/05)	

